

REMARKS

Claims 1-56 are pending. Claims 1-24, 26, and 29-37 were previously withdrawn. New claims 57-60 have been added. Claims 40, 41, 43, 44, 45, 48, 49, and 51 have been amended to more clearly delineate the invention. Support for the amendments and new claims can be found throughout the specification and claims as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect the following for prosecution, without traverse: swellable polymer of claim 42, cellulose derivatives of claim 44, and protein/peptide of claim 55. Claims readable on the elected species are 23, 25, 27, 28, and 38-60.

Applicants reserve the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected inventions. Applicants do not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the non-elected inventions.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in a condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is requested.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any credits or deficiency in the fees filed (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 04-1105, under Order No. 66188 (310089).

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Respectfully submitted,

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